



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jiang Fan EXAMINER: Austin, Melissa J.

Application No. 10/656,677 Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: 09/04/2003

Title: Positive electrode material and method

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

EXTENSION OF TIME

Please extend the time for response for one month to 08/09/05 in the above-referenced application. A check for \$60.00 is enclosed for such extension. Should additional fees be required, for this or additionally required extensions or for any other reason to examine or to maintain the active status of this application, please charge Deposit Account 07-1338 for any such fees.

ELECTION

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the Examiner's office action of 06/09/2005, with regard to the above-referenced application:

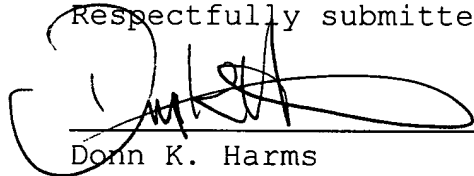
The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I: Claims 1-18 and 26, drawn to a hydrophobic batter electrode, classified in class 429, subclass 209 and Group II: Claims 19-25 and 27-31, drawn to a method of rendering particles for a battery electrode hydrophobic, classified in class 429,

subclass 209.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I: Claims 1-18 and 26. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as he deems necessary to protect the invention of Groups II. This election is made without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any other questions or concerns. Applicant's attorney would be happy to discuss them by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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